Walnut Dollison Historic District 321 S. Dollison Avenue Springfield Greene County Missouri HABS No. MO-1252G HABS MOJ 39-5 MOJ 21-

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

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## 321 SOUTH DOLLISON AVENUE

Location:

Springfield, Greene County, Missouri

Cadastral grid: NW% NE%, S24, T29N, R22W USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7½' UTM coordinates: 15.474980.4117765

Lot dimensions : 60'x 126.7' Lot description: North 60', South 65.5' of Lot5 and 75.78' West of adjacent W 16.72', S 6.5' of Lot 6 of Charles Sheppard's Addition

Present Owner: Present Usage: Bay Finance Company

multiple unit residence

Present Condition: fair

Overall Dimensions: 32'x 42'; 2 stories

Orientation:

east

Architectural Description: Plan type : irregular el with infill front porch Foundation: cast stone concrete block perimeter walls

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: asbestos siding (prob. over beveled siding)

Roof:

asphalt shingled, moderately pitched gable roofs with hipped front bay and shed roofed front and rear

Dormers:

single triangular wall dormer on east facade

Windows:

1/1 double-hung with moulded pediment heads (first floor and second floor gable ends) or lintels let into

roof entablature (second floor)

Porches:

1-story open front porch on east facade; shed roofed

rear porch on west

Details:

boxed and moulded horizontal and raking cornices with returns on main roof; moulded and dentiled cornice

over front slanted bay; tapered front porch columns with turned balusters and decoratively turned newel

Construction Date: ca. 1880

Architecture Style: Late Victorian - Greek Revival

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Significance:

This frame house, perhaps the oldest remaining domestic structure

in the study area, displays elements from the Late Victorian period (turned balusters and newel, slanted bay, picturesque massing) with the pedimented window heads, returning cornices and symmetrical facade of the 2-story section that are hallmarks of the Greek Revival temple form. This mixing of the two styles - an old one with one that is even older - suggests an early construction date for an eclectic building or major additions and/or alterations to a very early structure for this neighborhood. More research is needed. Although the recent addition of asbestos siding is unfortunate, this house retains most of its architectural features and is one of the more important structures in the study area.

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References:

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